

CHERN NUMBERS AND THE INDICES OF SOME ELLIPTIC DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. Libgober and Wood proved that the Chern number $c_1 c_{n-1}$ of a n -dimensional compact complex manifold can be determined by its Hirzebruch χ_y -genus. Inspired by the idea of their proof, we show that, for compact, spin, almost-complex manifolds, more Chern numbers can be determined by the indices of some twisted Dirac and signature operators. As a byproduct, we get a divisibility result of certain characteristic number for such manifolds. Using our method, we give a direct proof of Libgober-Wood's result, which was originally proved by induction.

1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Suppose (M, J) is a compact, almost-complex $2n$ -manifold with a given almost complex structure J . This J makes the tangent bundle of M into a n -dimensional complex vector bundle T_M . Let $c_i(M, J) \in H^{2i}(M; \mathbb{Z})$ be the i -th Chern class of T_M . Suppose we have a formal factorization of the total Chern class as follows:

$$1 + c_1(M, J) + \cdots + c_n(M, J) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i),$$

i.e., x_1, \dots, x_n are formal Chern roots of T_M . The Hirzebruch χ_y -genus of (M, J) , $\chi_y(M, J)$, is defined by

$$\chi_y(M, J) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i(1 + ye^{-x_i})}{1 - e^{-x_i}} \right] [M].$$

Here $[M]$ is the fundamental class of the orientation of M induced by J and y is an indeterminate. If J is specified, we simply denote $\chi_y(M, J)$ by $\chi_y(M)$.

When the almost complex structure J is integrable, i.e., M is a (complex) n -dimensional compact complex manifold, $\chi_y(M)$ can be obtained by

$$\chi^p(M) = \sum_{q=0}^n (-1)^q h^{p,q}(M), \quad \chi_y(M) = \sum_{p=0}^n \chi^p(M) \cdot y^p,$$

where $h^{p,q}(\cdot)$ is the Hodge number of type (p, q) . This is given by the Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch Theorem. It was first proved by Hirzebruch ([2]) for projective manifolds, and in the general case by Atiyah and Singer ([1]).

The formula

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{p=0}^n \chi^p(M) \cdot y^p = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i(1 + ye^{-x_i})}{1 - e^{-x_i}} \right] [M]$$

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implies that $\chi^p(M)$ (the index of the Dolbeault complex) can be expressed as a rationally linear combination of some Chern numbers of M . Conversely, we can address the following question.

Question 1.1. For a n -dimensional compact complex manifold M , given a partition $\lambda = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_l$ of weight n , whether the corresponding Chern number $c_{\lambda_1} c_{\lambda_2} \cdots c_{\lambda_l} [M]$ can be determined by $\chi^p(M)$, or more generally by the indices of some other elliptic differential operators?

For the simplest case $c_n[M]$, the answer is affirmative and well-known ([2], Theorem 15.8.1):

$$c_n[M] = \chi_y(M)|_{y=-1} = \sum_{p=0}^n (-1)^p \chi^p(M).$$

The next-to-simplest case is the Chern number $c_1 c_{n-1} [M]$. The answer for this Chern number is also affirmative, which was proved by Libgober and Wood ([5], p.141-143):

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{p=2}^n (-1)^p \binom{p}{2} \chi^p(M) = \frac{n(3n-5)}{24} c_n[M] + \frac{1}{12} c_1 c_{n-1} [M].$$

The idea of their proof is quite enlightening: expanding both sides of (1.1) at $y = -1$ and comparing the coefficients of the term $(y+1)^2$, then they got (1.2).

Inspired by this idea, in this paper we will consider the twisted Dirac operators and signature operators on compact, *spin*, *almost-complex* manifolds and show that the Chern numbers c_n , $c_1 c_{n-1}$, $c_1^2 c_{n-2}$ and $c_2 c_{n-2}$ of such manifolds can be determined by the indices of these operators.

Remark 1.2. It is worth pointing out that (1.2) was also obtained later in ([7], p.144) by Salamon and he majorly applied this result to hyper-Kähler manifolds.

Before stating our main result, we need to fix some definitions and symbols. Let M be a compact, *almost-complex* $2n$ -manifold. We still use x_1, \dots, x_n to denote the corresponding formal Chern roots of the n -dimensional complex vector bundle T_M . Suppose E is a complex vector bundle over M . Set

$$\hat{A}(M, E) := [\text{ch}(E) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i/2}{\sinh(x_i/2)}] [M],$$

and

$$L(M, E) := [\text{ch}(E) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i(1+e^{-x_i})}{1-e^{-x_i}}] [M],$$

where $\text{ch}(E)$ is the Chern character of E . The celebrated Atiyah-Singer index theorem (cf. [4], p.74 and p.81) states that $L(M, E)$ is the index of the signature operator twisted by E and when M is *spin*, $\hat{A}(M, E)$ is the index of the Dirac operator twisted by E .

Definition 1.3.

$$\begin{aligned} A_y(M) &:= \sum_{p=0}^n \hat{A}(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) \cdot y^p, \\ L_y(M) &:= \sum_{p=0}^n L(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) \cdot y^p, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Lambda^p(T_M^*)$ denotes the p -th exterior power of the dual of T_M .

Our main result is the following

Theorem 1.4. *If M is a compact, almost-complex manifold, then we have*

(1)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=0}^n (-1)^p \hat{A}(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) &= c_n[M], \\ \sum_{p=1}^n (-1)^p \cdot p \cdot \hat{A}(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) &= \frac{1}{2} \{nc_n[M] + c_1 c_{n-1}[M]\}, \\ \sum_{p=2}^n (-1)^p \binom{p}{2} \hat{A}(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) &= \left\{ \frac{n(3n-5)}{24} c_n + \frac{3n-2}{12} c_1 c_{n-1} + \frac{1}{8} c_1^2 c_{n-2} \right\} [M]; \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=0}^n (-1)^p L(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) &= 2^n c_n[M], \\ \sum_{p=1}^n (-1)^p \cdot p \cdot L(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) &= 2^{n-1} \{nc_n[M] + c_1 c_{n-1}[M]\}, \\ \sum_{p=2}^n (-1)^p \binom{p}{2} L(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) &= 2^{n-2} \left\{ \frac{n(3n-5)}{6} c_n + \frac{3n-2}{3} c_1 c_{n-1} + c_1^2 c_{n-2} - c_2 c_{n-2} \right\} [M]. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1.5. (1) The Chern numbers $c_n[M]$, $c_1 c_{n-1}[M]$ and $c_1^2 c_{n-2}[M]$ can be determined by $A_y(M)$.
(2) The characteristic numbers $c_n[M]$, $c_1 c_{n-1}[M]$ and $c_1^2 c_{n-2}[M] - c_2 c_{n-2}[M]$ can be determined by $L_y(M)$.
(3) When M is *spin*, the Chern numbers $c_n[M]$, $c_1 c_{n-1}[M]$, $c_1^2 c_{n-2}[M]$ and $c_2 c_{n-2}[M]$ can be expressed by using linear combinations of the indices of some twisted Dirac and signature operators.

As remarked in page 143 of [5], it was shown by Milnor (cf. [3]) that every complex cobordism class contains a non-singular algebraic variety. Milnor ([6]) also showed that two almost-complex manifolds are complex cobordant if and only if they have the same Chern numbers. Hence Libgober and Wood's result implies that the characteristic number

$$\frac{n(3n-5)}{24} c_n[N] + \frac{1}{12} c_1 c_{n-1}[N]$$

is always an integer for any compact, *almost-complex* $2n$ -manifold N .

Note that the right-hand side of the third equality in Theorem 1.4 is

$$\left\{ \frac{n(3n-5)}{24} c_n[M] + \frac{1}{12} c_1 c_{n-1}[M] \right\} + \frac{1}{8} \{2(n-1) c_1 c_{n-1}[M] + c_1^2 c_{n-2}[M]\}.$$

Hence we get the following divisibility result.

Corollary 1.6. For a compact, *spin*, almost-complex manifold M , the integer $2(n-1) c_1 c_{n-1}[M] + c_1^2 c_{n-2}[M]$ is divisible by 8.

Example 1.7. The total Chern class of the complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is given by $c(\mathbb{C}P^n) = (1+g)^{n+1}$, where g is the standard generator of $H^2(\mathbb{C}P^n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is spin if and only if n is odd as $c_1(\mathbb{C}P^n) = (n+1)g$. Suppose $n = 2k+1$. Then

$$2(n-1)c_1c_{n-1}[\mathbb{C}P^n] + c_1^2c_{n-2}[\mathbb{C}P^n] = 8(k+1)^2[k(2k+1) + \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(2k+1)].$$

While it is easy to check that $\mathbb{C}P^4$ does not satisfy this divisibility result.

2. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULT

Lemma 2.1.

$$A_y(M) = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i(1+y)}{2}} \right] \right\} [M],$$

$$L_y(M) = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot (1+e^{-x_i(1+y)}) \right] \right\} [M].$$

Proof. From $c(T_M) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i)$ we have (see, for example, [4], p.11)

$$c(\Lambda^p(T_M^*)) = \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n} [1 - (x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_p})].$$

Hence

$$ch(\Lambda^p(T_M^*))y^p = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n} e^{-(x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_p})} y^p = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^p y e^{-x_{i_j}} \right).$$

Therefore we have

$$\sum_{p=0}^n ch(\Lambda^p(T_M^*))y^p = \sum_{p=0}^n \left[\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq n} \left(\prod_{j=1}^p y e^{-x_{i_j}} \right) \right] = \prod_{i=1}^n (1+ye^{-x_i}).$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} A_y(M) &= \sum_{p=0}^n \hat{A}(M, \Lambda^p(T_M^*)) \cdot y^p \\ &= \left\{ \left[\sum_{p=0}^n ch(\Lambda^p(T_M^*))y^p \right] \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i/2}{\sinh(x_i/2)} \right\} [M] \\ (2.1) \quad &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[(1+ye^{-x_i}) \cdot \frac{x_i/2}{\sinh(x_i/2)} \right] \right\} [M] \\ &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i})}{1-e^{-x_i}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i}{2}} \right] \right\} [M]. \end{aligned}$$

Since for the evaluation only the homogeneous component of degree n in the x_i enters, then we obtain an additional factor $(1+y)^n$ if we replace x_i by $x_i(1+y)$ in (2.1). We therefore obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
A_y(M) &= \left\{ \frac{1}{(1+y)^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+y)(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i(1+y)}{2}} \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i(1+y)}{2}} \right] \right\} [M].
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
L_y(M) &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[(1+ye^{-x_i}) \cdot \frac{x_i(1+e^{-x_i})}{1-e^{-x_i}} \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \frac{1}{(1+y)^n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+y)(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot (1+e^{-x_i(1+y)}) \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot (1+e^{x_i(1+y)}) \right] \right\} [M].
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 2.2. Set $z = 1 + y$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
A_y(M) &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[(1+x_i) - (x_i + \frac{1}{2}x_i^2)z + (\frac{11}{24}x_i^2 + \frac{1}{8}x_i^3)z^2 + \dots \right] \right\} [M], \\
L_y(M) &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[2(1+x_i) - (2x_i + x_i^2)z + (\frac{7}{6}x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_i^3)z^2 + \dots \right] \right\} [M].
\end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} &= -x_iy + \frac{x_i(1+y)}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} = -x_i(z-1) + \frac{x_iz}{1-e^{-x_iz}} \\
&= -x_i(z-1) + (1 + \frac{1}{2}x_iz + \frac{1}{12}x_i^2z^2 + \dots) \\
&= (1+x_i) - \frac{1}{2}x_iz + \frac{1}{12}x_i^2z^2 + \dots.
\end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A_y(M) &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot e^{-\frac{x_i(1+y)}{2}} \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[(1+x_i) - \frac{1}{2}x_iz + \frac{1}{12}x_i^2z^2 + \dots \right] \left[1 - \frac{1}{2}x_iz + \frac{1}{8}x_i^2z^2 + \dots \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[(1+x_i) - (x_i + \frac{1}{2}x_i^2)z + (\frac{11}{24}x_i^2 + \frac{1}{8}x_i^3)z^2 + \dots \right] \right\} [M].
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
L_y(M) &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i(1+ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1-e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \cdot (1+e^{-x_i(1+y)}) \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[(1+x_i) - \frac{1}{2}x_i z + \frac{1}{12}x_i^2 z^2 + \dots \right] \left[2 - x_i z + \frac{1}{2}x_i^2 z^2 + \dots \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[2(1+x_i) - (2x_i + x_i^2)z + \left(\frac{7}{6}x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_i^3 \right)z^2 + \dots \right] \right\} [M].
\end{aligned}$$

□

Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a symmetric polynomial in x_1, \dots, x_n . Then $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ can be expressed in terms of c_1, \dots, c_n in a unique way. We use $h(f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$ to denote the homogeneous component of degree n in $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. For instance, when $n = 3$,

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_1^2 x_2 + x_1^2 x_3 + x_2^2 x_1 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_3^2 x_1 + x_3^2 x_2) \\
&= x_1^2 x_2 + x_1^2 x_3 + x_2^2 x_1 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_3^2 x_1 + x_3^2 x_2 \\
&= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3)(x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_3) - 3x_1 x_2 x_3 \\
&= c_1 c_2 - 3c_3.
\end{aligned}$$

The following lemma is a crucial technical ingredient in the proof of our main result.

Lemma 2.3.

- (1) $h_1 := h\{\sum_{i=1}^n [x_i \prod_{j \neq i} (1+x_j)]\} = nc_n$,
- (2) $h_{11} := h\{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [x_i x_j \prod_{k \neq i, j} (1+x_k)]\} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} c_n$,
- (3) $h_2 := h\{\sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 \prod_{j \neq i} (1+x_j)]\} = -nc_n + c_1 c_{n-1}$,
- (4) $h_{12} := h\{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [(x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2) \prod_{k \neq i, j} (1+x_k)]\} = (n-2)(-nc_n + c_1 c_{n-1})$,
- (5) $h_{22} := h\{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [x_i^2 x_j^2 \prod_{k \neq i, j} (1+x_k)]\} = \frac{n(n-3)}{2} c_n - (n-2)c_1 c_{n-1} + c_2 c_{n-2}$,
- (6) $h_3 := h\{\sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^3 \prod_{j \neq i} (1+x_j)]\} = nc_n - c_1 c_{n-1} + c_1^2 c_{n-2} - 2c_2 c_{n-2}$.

Now we can complete the proof of Theorem 1.4 and postpone the proof of Lemma 2.3 to the end of this section.

Proof. From Lemma 2.2, the constant coefficient of $A_y(M)$ is $[\prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i)][M] = c_n[M]$.

The coefficient of z is

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[-(x_i + \frac{1}{2}x_i^2) \prod_{j \neq i} (1+x_j) \right] \right\} [M] = \left(-h_1 - \frac{1}{2}h_2 \right) [M] = -\frac{1}{2} \{nc_n[M] + c_1 c_{n-1}[M]\}.$$

The coefficient of z^2 is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(\frac{11}{24}x_i^2 + \frac{1}{8}x_i^3 \right) \prod_{j \neq i} (1+x_j) \right] + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left[(x_i + \frac{1}{2}x_i^2)(x_j + \frac{1}{2}x_j^2) \prod_{k \neq i, j} (1+x_k) \right] \right\} [M] \\
&= \left(\frac{11}{24}h_2 + \frac{1}{8}h_3 + h_{11} + \frac{1}{2}h_{12} + \frac{1}{4}h_{22} \right) [M] \\
&= \left\{ \frac{n(3n-5)}{24}c_n + \frac{3n-2}{12}c_1 c_{n-1} + \frac{1}{8}c_1^2 c_{n-2} \right\} [M].
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $L_y(M)$, the constant coefficient is $[2^n \prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i)][M] = 2^n c_n[M]$.

The coefficient of z is

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[-(2x_i + x_i^2) \prod_{j \neq i} 2(1 + x_j) \right] \right\} [M] = (-2^n h_1 - 2^{n-1} h_2) [M] = -2^{n-1} \{nc_n [M] + c_1 c_{n-1} [M]\}.$$

The coefficient of z^2 is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(\frac{7}{6}x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_i^3 \right) \prod_{j \neq i} 2(1 + x_j) \right] + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left[(2x_i + x_i^2)(2x_j + x_j^2) \prod_{k \neq i, j} 2(1 + x_k) \right] \right\} [M] \\ &= \left(\frac{7 \cdot 2^{n-2}}{3} h_2 + 2^{n-2} h_3 + 2^n h_{11} + 2^{n-1} h_{12} + 2^{n-2} h_{22} \right) [M] \\ &= 2^{n-2} \left\{ \frac{n(3n-5)}{6} c_n + \frac{3n-2}{3} c_1 c_{n-1} + c_1^2 c_{n-2} - c_2 c_{n-2} \right\} [M]. \end{aligned}$$

□

It suffices to show Lemma 2.3.

Proof. (1) and (2) are quite obvious. In the following proof, \hat{x}_i means deleting x_i .

For (3),

$$\begin{aligned} h_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ h \left[x_i^2 \prod_{j \neq i} (1 + x_j) \right] \right\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(x_i \sum_{j \neq i} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots x_n \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i c_{n-1} - c_n) \\ &= -nc_n + c_1 c_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

For (4),

$$\begin{aligned} h_{12} &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left\{ h \left[(x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2) \prod_{k \neq i, j} (1 + x_k) \right] \right\} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left[(x_i + x_j) \sum_{k \neq i, j} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots x_n \right] \\ &= (n-2) \sum_{i=1}^n \left(x_i \sum_{k \neq i} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots x_n \right) \\ &= (n-2) h_2 \\ &= (n-2)(-nc_n + c_1 c_{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

For (5),

$$\begin{aligned}
c_2 c_{n-2} &= \left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j \right) \left(\sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq n} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots \hat{x}_l \cdots x_n \right) \\
&= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i x_j) \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq n} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots \hat{x}_l \cdots x_n \\
&= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n + (x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2) \sum_{k \neq i, j} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots \hat{x}_i \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots x_n + \\
&\quad x_i^2 x_j^2 \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq n; k \neq i, j; l \neq i, j} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots \hat{x}_l \cdots \hat{x}_i \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots x_n] \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} c_n + h_{12} + h_{22}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$h_{22} = c_2 c_{n-2} - \frac{n(n-1)}{2} c_n - h_{12} = \frac{n(n-3)}{2} c_n - (n-2) c_1 c_{n-1} + c_2 c_{n-2}.$$

For (6),

$$\begin{aligned}
(c_1^2 - 2c_2) c_{n-2} &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \left(\sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots x_n \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2) \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots x_n \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i^3 \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n; j \neq i; k \neq i} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_j \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots \hat{x}_i \cdots x_n) + (x_i^2 \sum_{k \neq i} x_1 \cdots \hat{x}_k \cdots \hat{x}_i \cdots x_n)] \\
&= h_3 + h_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$h_3 = (c_1^2 - 2c_2) c_{n-2} - h_2 = n c_n - c_1 c_{n-1} + c_1^2 c_{n-2} - 2c_2 c_{n-2}.$$

□

3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Libgober and Wood's proof of (1.2) is by induction ([5], p.142, Lemma 2.2). Here, using our method, we can give a quite direct proof. We have shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_y(M) &= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i(1 + ye^{-x_i(1+y)})}{1 - e^{-x_i(1+y)}} \right] [M] \\
&= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n [(1 + x_i) - \frac{1}{2} x_i z + \frac{1}{12} x_i^2 z^2 + \cdots] \right\} [M]
\end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of z^2 is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{12} x_i^2 \prod_{j \neq i} (1 + x_j) \right] + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left[\frac{1}{4} x_i x_j \prod_{k \neq i, j} (1 + x_k) \right] \right\} [M] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{12} h_2 + \frac{1}{4} h_{11} \right) [M] \\ &= \frac{n(3n-5)}{24} c_n [M] + \frac{1}{12} c_1 c_{n-1} [M]. \end{aligned}$$

It is natural to ask what the coefficients are for higher order terms $(y+1)^p$ ($p \geq 3$). Unfortunately the coefficients become very complicated for such terms. Libgober and Wood have given a detailed remark for higher order terms' coefficients of $\chi_y(M)$ ([5], p.144-145). Note that the expression of $A_y(M)$ (resp. $L_y(M)$) has an additional factor $e^{-\frac{x_i(1+y)}{2}}$ (resp. $1 + e^{x_i(1+y)}$) than that of $\chi_y(M)$. Hence we cannot expect that there are *explicit* expressions of higher order terms' coefficients like Theorem 1.4.

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